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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant submits this Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98 in the above-identified application for consideration by the Patent Office. A listing of the cited documents is also enclosed, as well as, for the Examiner's convenience, copies of the documents in the list.

Pursuant to CFR § 1.97(e)(1), each item contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application or International application. Because this statement is being filed within three months of receipt of the Search Report, no fee is believed to be due. A copy of the Search Report is included and cited on the enclosed PTO-1449.

Applicant does not intend to represent that any of the documents submitted herein are material prior art to this invention or that the list represents an exhaustive search of documents related to this invention.

Applicant respectfully requests that the documents submitted herein be considered and made of record in this application.

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